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COLLECTION

By the King.

WHereas ſeuerall Troopes and Companies of Our Subiects, Engliſh and Scottiſh Souldiers, lately imployed in the Seruice of the States Generall of the United Prouinces, hauing done the dutie of honeſt men during their ſaid imployment, are now licenced, and returne daily home; To the end they may not remaine vnprofitable to themſelues, and a burden to Our Cities of London and Weſtminſter, and other good Townes, where many of them are already arriued. Wee haue thought fit, and doe hereby publiſh and declare Our Royall pleaſure in that behalfe, ſtrictly charging all the ſaid Souldiers ſo returning, that forthwith after the publiſhing of this Our Proclamation, or after their arriuall, as they ſhall come hereafter, they repaire to their dwelling places, if they haue any, or otherwiſe to the Townes, Pariſhes, and places where they were borne, there to beſtow and imploy themſelues in their wonted and lawfull vocations, or in ſome lawfull Trade or courſe of life, vntill We ſhall haue occaſion to call them to Our Seruice: And to that purpoſe, We doe charge all Maiors, Sheriffes, Juſtices of Peace, Conſtables, Head-Boroughs, and all other Our Officers, Miniſters, and louing Subiects, as well to aſſiſt the ſaid Souldiers in their Paſſing and Journey homewards, ſo long as they ſhall well and peaceably behaue themſelues, without offence to Our Lawes, or diſturbance to the reſt of Our people, as alſo being returned to their ſaid ſeuerall Countries, and abodes, to treat them with all charitable reſpects due to men, who haue faithfully ſerued the Allies of their Prince and Countrey. But on the other part, We doe alſo make knowne hereby vnto the ſaid Souldiers, that if any of them, contrary to this Proclamation, ſhalbe found lingering and ſtaying in or about Our ſaid Cities of London and Weſtminſter, or other good Townes, not being the place of their birth or abode, after ſuch time as they may well take knowledge of the publication thereof, or remaine vpon the way into their ſeuerall Countries or otherwiſe, either in Company or ſingle, longer then is fit for trauelling-men; Our expreſſe command is, ſuch perſon or perſons ſo offending, ſhalbe puniſhed according to the Lawes and Statutes in that caſe prouided: whereof We do ſtraightly charge euery one, whom it doth or may concerne in their ſeuerall places, to take notice, and duly to obſerue and performe Our Royall pleaſure in the premiſſes, at their perill.

Giuen at Our Pallace of Weſtminſter, the twenty ſeuenth day of December, in the Fifth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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